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...5.0. 12065: RDS 1 4/17/85 (SCHLAIKJER S) OR-V
...TAGS: SREF, CVIS, SHIJM, AF, PK
...SUBJECT: (U) GOP ASKS UN FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

(U) APRIL 17 ISSUE OF PAKISTAN TIMES CARRIED BRIEF NEWS ITEM WHICH STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS MADE AN OFFICIAL APPROACH TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR HELP IN COPING WITH THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER FROM AFGHANISTAN." ARTICLE NOTES BBC CORRESPONDENT IN PAKISTAN HAS REPORTED THE NUMBER OF

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REFUGEES TO BE 45,000 WHILE SUGGESTING THAT UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES PUT THE FIGURE EVEN HIGHER.

2. (U) TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST PUBLICIZED REPORT THAT GOP HAS APPEALED FOR UN HELP IN DEALING WITH AFGHAN REFUGEES.

3. (C) FYI-PLEASE PROTECT: IN CONSULTATIONS WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS IN GENEVA 4/11/79. EMBASSY CONSULAR

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OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT UNHCR IS DELIBERATING OVER GOP'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. UNHCR DEPUTY CHIEF OF RESETTLEMENT DIVISION EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT UNHCR WOULD SOON SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO PAKISTAN TO ASSESS REFUGEE SITUATION. UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REP IN ISLAMABAD CONFIRMED 4/17/79 THAT UN HIGH COMMISSIONER AND PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO UN GENEVA RECENTLY HELD TALKS RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF UN MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. EMBASSY OFFICER'S IMPRESSION FROM MEETING IN GENEVA AND FROM TALKS WITH UNDP ISLAMABAD IS THAT UNHCR'S FUTURE EFFORTS IN PAKISTAN WILL BE RESTRICTED TO REFUGEE MAINTENANCE-- I.E. MATERIAL ASSISTANCE--AND NOT RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES. END FYI.
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